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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: SHOWA CORPORATION)
Serial Number: 10/669979)
Filed: 09/24/2003)
For: PROPELLER SHAFT ASSEMBLY)
Docket Number: 13596)

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICIAL ACTION

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
And Trademarks
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313

February 28, 2005

Sir:

This is responsive to your Office Action dated December 8, 2004, with a shortened statutory period set to expire March 8, 2005. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed on February 28, 2005.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown in the section entitled "Claim Amendments".